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Letter dated 10 May 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to forward the attached Government statement issued by the Republic of Sierra Leone on Wednesday, 9 May 2001, on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be issued as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 10 May 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia

Consistent with its obligations as a Member of the United Nations, the Government of Sierra Leone has instructed all the competent Sierra Leonean authorities, including the departments of Customs and Excise, Immigration, the Police and other security bodies, with immediate effect, to comply with the relevant provisions of Security Council resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia.

They shall take all necessary measures:

(a) To prevent the direct or indirect import through the territory of Sierra Leone of all rough diamonds from Liberia, whether or not such diamonds originated in Liberia;

(b) To take all necessary measures to prevent the entry into or transit through the territory of Sierra Leone of senior members of the Government of Liberia and its armed forces and their spouses, and any other Liberian individuals who provide financial and military support to armed rebel groups in the West African subregion, in particular, the Revolutionary United Front (RUF), unless such entry or transit is for the purpose of participating in official meetings of the Mano River Union, the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) or the Organization of African Unity (OAU).

They have also been informed that the United Nations Security Council Committee established to monitor implementation of the sanctions against Liberia will authorize any further exceptions to the travel and transit restrictions.

The Government of Sierra Leone appeals to all States, in particular its sister States of ECOWAS, to support the full implementation of the relevant provisions of resolution 1343 (2001), which the Government of Sierra Leone considers as a peaceful way of restoring peace and stability in Sierra Leone and in the West African subregion as a whole.